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**COMMANDANT NAVAL DISTRICT, WASHINGTON**

1 September 1977

Dear Admiral,

As you may have been alerted in February by Sybil Stockdale and Sibyl Geiger, the Ball Chairmen, the Navy Ball this year is scheduled for Friday, 28 October, at the International Ballroom of the Washington Hilton Hotel. As has been our custom over the years, we plan to invite all the accredited foreign naval attaches as guests of the Navy for this gala charity event.

This year we hope to have more of the Washington area Flag Officers participate in hosting the attaches and their ladies. To encourage this, tickets to the Ball for the attache guests will be provided. It is customary that as a host you would buy your own tickets, share your table at the Ball, and entertain at dinner beforehand. Possibly some of you will want to join together and share one or more tables. Our mutual goal is to provide our foreign naval attaches and their ladies an evening of hospitality, fun, and Navy spirit that will be long remembered.

If you are able to assist in this year's efforts, please call my office at 433-2572/3737. A call not later than 10 September would be most appreciated. Requests for specific attaches, after the CNO's, other Admirals', and Secretariat's requests have been honored, will be on a first-call and fair-shared basis. Each of the accredited naval attaches will receive an invitation to the Ball with a card enclosed stating, "Your host for the Navy Ball will be in touch with you at a later date." Therefore, please do not invite your intended guest until we have had a chance to resolve all duplications and provide a host to all. We hope to complete the guest slate and so notify you by 15 September. Both Sybil Stockdale and Sibyl Geiger, and the Ball Committee members, have been working hard to provide "A Sentimental Evening." Come join us for a night of good cheer!

Sincerely,

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